



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Tomoo Yamamoto et al.  
APPLICATION NO.: 09/862,452  
FILED: May 23, 2001  
FOR: Magnetic Recording Medium and Magnetic Recording Apparatus  
ART UNIT: 1773  
EXAMINER: Holly C. Rickman  
CUSTOMER NO.: 23838

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 3, 2005, and as a submission with the attached RCE, the response date having been extended by a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to December 3, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: